

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of)	
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Pierre BERTRAND)	Group Art Unit: Unassigned
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Application No.: 09/807,885)	Examiner: Unassigned
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Filed: November 13, 2001)	Confirmation No.: 6228
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For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING A)	
CONTACTLESS CARD)	
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PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.47(b)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The assignee of the invention described and claimed in the above-identified application, Gemplus, hereby petitions for acceptance of this application under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.47(b), on the grounds that the sole inventor is unavailable.

The name and last-known address of the sole inventor are as follows:

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In support of this petition, the following documents and evidence are being submitted:

1. Declaration of Maguie Donnini, including Exhibits A-D, showing that the inventor cannot be reached after diligent effort;

2. Declaration of Emilien Milharo, including Exhibits A and B, demonstrating that Gemplus was the employer of the inventor at the time the invention was made and that it has a proprietary interest in the invention;


3. Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.63, signed by a representative of Gemplus on behalf of and as agent for the inventor;

4. Check including the amount of \$130 for the fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(h).

The filing of this application and petition are necessary to preserve the national phase rights of Gemplus in the United States accruing from International Application No. PCT/FR00/01263. Granting of this petition is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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